

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, line 1, beginning with "This application is" with the following amended paragraph:

This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application _____ of Alizon et al. for "~~Cloned DNA Sequences Related to the Entire Genomic RNA of Human Immunodeficiency Virus II (HIV-2), Polypeptides Encoded by these DNA Sequences and Use of these DNA Clones and Polypeptides in Diagnostic Kits,~~" filed Jan. 16, 1987, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application Serial No. 933,184 filed November 21, 1986 which is a continuation-in-part application of U.S. patent application Serial No. 916,080 of Montagnier et al. for "~~Cloned DNA Sequences Related to the Genomic RNA of the Human Immunodeficiency Virus II (HIV-2), Polypeptides Encoded by these DNA Sequences and Use of these DNA Clones and Polypeptides in Diagnostic Kits,~~" filed October 6, 1986 and U.S. patent application Serial No. 835,228 of Montagnier et al. for "~~New Retrovirus Capable of Causing AIDS, Antigens Obtained from this Retrovirus and Corresponding Antibodies and their Application for Diagnostic Purposes,~~" filed March 3, 1986 continuation of Application No. 08/468,424 (filed 6/6/95 and now U.S. Patent No. 6,355,789); which is a continuation of Application No. 08/214,221 (filed 3/17/94 and now U.S. Patent No. 5,580,739); which is a divisional of Application No. 07/810,908 (filed 12/20/91 and now U.S. Patent No. 6,544,728); which is a divisional of Application No. 07/752,368 (filed 9/3/91 and now abandoned); which is a divisional of Application No. 07/013,477 (filed 2/11/87 and now

U.S. Patent No. 5,079,342); which is a CIP of Application No. 07/003,764 (filed 1/16/87
and now U.S. Patent No. 5,051,496); which is a CIP of Application No. 06/933,184 (filed
11/21/86 and now abandoned); which is a CIP of Application No. 06/916,080 (filed
10/6/86 and now abandoned); which is a CIP of Application No. 06/835,228 (filed 3/3/86
and now U.S. Patent No. 4,839,288). The disclosures of each of these predecessor
applications are expressly incorporated herein by reference.

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